

legislation will help communities mitigate against future weather related hazards. Taking mitigation steps now can make a huge difference. In many cases, it may help to reduce loss of life and property damage, while saving money and reducing insurance rates in the long run. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

THE JACK OF HEARTS

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on April 6, 2013, something remarkable occurred at Memorial Stadium. During the University of Nebraska football team's spring game, seven-year-old Jack Hoffman sprinted 69 yards down the field to score a touchdown with over 60,000 fans watching him. But his amazing touchdown is nothing compared to the courage he displays in his two-year battle with brain cancer. I am proud to call young Jack a Husker and would like to submit this tribute poem written on his behalf by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE JACK OF HEARTS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The . . .
The Jack of Hearts . . .
Oh how you've so done your part!
To so inspire us with but your little heart!
For you are but a work of art!
Jack be nimble!
Jack be quick!
Oh Jack how all of our hearts you've so hit!
For you are a champion,
that our Lord has so picked!
Running down that football field,
as your heart would not yield!
As to our Nation,
what your most courageous little big heart
so revealed!
Giving us all such a lift!
For you are one fine Husker,
as we are all so very sure of this!
All at what your little heart can muster,
is but to all of us such a great gift!
As you have brought us all to,
such tears of bliss!
Yea, Jack be nimble!
Yea, Jack be quick!
Jack be Strong!
As Jack you so battle on and on!
As like your Husker's on those fields of
green,
Jack you so fight with all your being!
For already Jack,
your short life is like a song!
A song of courage!
A song of faith!
Who against all odds,
will not so wave!
Teaching us all,
so how to behave!
And children,
as Heroes should not have to be!
But, sadly sometimes . . .
through them our Lord so shows us all what
we need!
For you are a brave as a Navy Seal,
or a Special Forces member of The United
States Army,
or a member of The United States Air Force
we've seen,
or a member of The United States Marines!
And Jack,
as you ran down that football field . . .

Our Nation's hearts,
we all so hope that you could feel!
All in what your great heart has revealed!
And as you scored that touchdown,
and they held you way up high!
I wonder if you could but hear all of our
tears,
as we so all began to cry!
Saying Jack,
we are with you every step of the way!
And in Oklahoma on this day,
even the Sooner's became Husker fans as did
they!
As Congressman Fortenberry would say,
we're Nebraska, and This Is How We Roll
each day!
For in The Game of Life Jack,
you've gone deep!
As why in our thoughts and prayers,
you we will so ever keep!
So win that battle!
So win that fight!
For your heart is the brightest of the bright!
And one day,
we will see you in college playing at Ne-
braska under the lights!
And if your betting against Little Jack,
well you better not!
Because,
a Jack of Heart's . . . beats any hand that
you've so got!
So Jack, as you so lay your little head down
to sleep!
We pray to our Lord to watch over you so to
keep!
And remember Jack our Nation,
now carries you all in our hearts so very
deep!
The Jack of Hearts, who to our hearts and
souls does so speak!
We Are The Huskers,
and This Is How We Roll!

HONORING LILLIE PITTMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Mrs. Lille Brown Pittman. Lillie has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others. Lillie Pittman, a resident of Delta City, Mississippi was born on July 4, 1940 to Tobias and Charlotte Bell. She graduated from Henry Weathers High School in Rolling Fork, MS in 1959. At the age of 22, she moved to California where she met and married Benjamin Brown and to that union they had three children, Anthony, Antoinette, and Patrice. While in California, she worked for Raytheon as a Quality Control Inspector and for Hewlett Packard for 5 years as a Quality Assurance Inspector. In 1974, Lillie returned to Mississippi with her three children. She was later employed with Asemco and Head Start until she was hit by the entrepreneurial bug. Ms. Pittman applied and obtained a small business loan to purchase the Delta City Trading Post in 1981 which she successfully operated for 8 years. In the midst of operating The Delta City Trading Post, she also created Brown's Janitorial Services, where she had several contracts with the United States Corps of Engineers. In 1987, Lillie Pittman became the first African American woman to be elected to the Sharkey County Board of Supervisors. During her term in office, she made many accom-

plishments that brought jobs to the community and was awarded a grant to help low-income homeowners repair their homes.

Although she only served one term, Lillie continued to work effortlessly for her District in Sharkey County. She continues to fight for better jobs, schools, and living conditions for the people of the community.

Her ongoing contributions include petitioning for better water quality in Delta City, working with children in Anguilla, MS to create a community garden, and working with the current County Supervisor to clean up the over grown roadways with the Summer Youth Program. Mrs. Lillie Brown Pittman is currently doing what she calls her greatest work, being a grandmother of four, Salena, Sydney, Margaret Alexander, and Noah.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lillie Brown Pittman for her dedication for change and serving her community.

HONORING SAMUEL MATZNER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a talented young musician in the 8th Congressional District, Samuel Matzner of Arlington County, Virginia. Samuel was selected on March 4th to participate in the first ever National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America.

Sam plays the Viola at Wakefield High School, as well as for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. Due to his extraordinary abilities, he will join a group of 120 of the finest young musicians in the country aged 16–19, representing a selection process that included all 50 states, who will act as musical ambassadors during their worldwide tour in July. Organized by the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City, the group will travel to New York for two weeks of rehearsals at Purchase College, State University of New York, and then embark on an international tour that includes Moscow, St. Petersburg, and London.

The National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America is a unique and unparalleled opportunity for young, high school-aged musicians in the United States to be recognized as the pinnacle of our musical training system. The success of Venezuela's El Sistema has generated increased international interest in the value of youth orchestras, and I am thrilled that Carnegie Hall has spearheaded this initiative to showcase our nation's talent and reinvigorate interest in youth musicianship at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud of these cultural ambassadors, and their commitment to musical excellence. I look forward to hearing the orchestra play, and wish them the best of luck on their tour.

TRIBUTE TO WALKER SHORES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in